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FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES/ENGINEERING DIVISION

February 18, 2004

Craig J. Wilson, Chief
TMDL Listing Unit
Division of Water Quality
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

SENT VIA FACSIMILE

SUBJECT: DRAFT WATER QUALITY CONTROL POLICY FOR DEVELOPING CALIFORNIA'S CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 303(D) LIST AND DRAFT FUNCTIONAL EQUIVALENT DOCUMENT

Dear Mr. Wilson:

The City of Costa Mesa appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the Draft 303(d) Listing Policy. We would like to express our support for the comments provided by the County of Orange Resources and Development Management Department. The County also provided oral comments on the policy at the public hearing held on February 5, 2004, emphasizing the core purpose of CWA Section 303(d) as a way of identifying high-priority water quality problems. Both the oral and written comments accurately reflect our thoughts and concerns regarding the draft policy.

Lastly, we would like to express our appreciation to you for holding the additional State Board Public Hearing on this policy in Torrance on February 5, 2004. Holding the hearing locally in Southern California facilitated the participation of many local governments and stakeholders. We appreciate your efforts to include all stakeholders in this important issue. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (714) 754-5633.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Gary W. LaEerge.

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